# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the World Bank has focussed on poverty ridden States in India and to collaborate with Indian Government to achieve the poverty alleviation targets under the millennium development goals;

(b) if so, whether the World Bank has also identified the poverty ridden States in India; and

(c) if so, the States for which World Bank agreed to provide help and assistance alongwith the amount to be provided to these States?

## Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM:

(a) to (c) The World Bank strategy retains an essentially reform and performance - based approach to the states and it also intends to open up new opportunities for engagement with the largest and poorest states. The World Bank also aims to build a productive development relationship with four states where poverty is increasingly concentrated - Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh.